

Major Construction Fact Sheet

Residential Living Schematic Update

Mission Overview

On May 7, 2004, the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (VAPHS) was approved for an almost \$200 million major construction project. The purpose of this project is to enhance behavioral health services and to achieve efficiency through consolidation of a three division health care system into two divisions. The Residential Living Villas will be constructed at the H.J. Heinz Division and will replace the traditional domiciliary program. The 61,000 square foot project, constructed at an estimated cost of almost \$15M, features private and semiprivate space in 7 separate residential scale villas enhancing care for veterans. The project is currently in the design development stage and scheduled to begin construction in late 2006.

CARES Guiding Principles

- Construction will take place at both the University Drive Division and the H. John Heinz III Progressive Care Center (Heinz) locations in order to relocate the current functions at the Highland Drive Division.
- No programs or services provided at the VAPHS will be discontinued as a result of the construction.
- The consolidation will be completed without a Reduction In Force (RIF).

Benefits of Residential Living Construction

- State-of-the-art facilities, providing world class care.
- Improved environment, increased patient satisfaction and improved clinical outcomes.
- Residential environment for veterans with a maximum of 4 residents per home.
- Improved access to dining, job development center, educational resources and recreational facilities.
- Enhanced patient privacy with private and semiprivate accommodations.
- Development of a world class career development center for veterans.

Residential Project Timeline

2005

- Demolish vacant structures
- Program Planning and Design

2006-2008

- Begin construction Fall 2006
- Complete construction 2008



Architectural rendering of the Residential Living Villas at the Heinz Division.

HJH Division Residential Living Site Plan



H.J. Heinz Division

The H.J. Heinz Division is a 336-bed transitional care facility, which includes a center of excellence in the Geriatric Care Program, hospice, and palliative care.

A total of 230,000 square feet of new construction will be added to include ambulatory care, residential living villas, administration and support facilities.

A new 98-bed environment of care will be created for rehabilitative treatment as a residential villa complex. As shown at the top left, outpatient services will be contained in the central building along with a 24 bed supported residential environment. Six residential homes will house a total of 74 private and semi-private beds.

Veterans in the Residential Villas will also have access to world class ambulatory care. The new ambulatory care center will have such programs as primary care, specialty care, Audiology, Dental, Prosthetics, Rehab Medicine, Community Services and an outpatient pharmacy.



Architectural renderings of the Residential Living Villas at the Heinz Division.

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